



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1779

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Claudia EDER *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1651
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Application No.: 10/092,882) Examiner: I. Marx
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Filed: March 8, 2002)
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For: METHODS OF USING AND)
PREPARING THIOLUTIN DIOXIDE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, which sets a shortened statutory period for response of one month. In a separate Petition, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Thus, this response is timely filed by April 17, 2004.

REMARKS

In the Office action, the Office asserts that pending claims 1-8 are directed to 3 allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3, directed to a process of using thiolutin dioxide to treat
CNS, classified in Class 514, subclass 412;

Group II: Claims 4-7, directed to a process of making of thiolutin dioxide
microbially, classified in Class 435, subclass 117;